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The Documents of the English Administration from 1795 to 1803 are far from being as complete as those of the preceding and following periods. There are no important despatches among them, and even copies of the ordinary correspondence between the Home and Colonial Governments are wanting. They give, however, a very complete view of the internal condition of the Colony. The papers are written in the English, French, and Dutch languages. Many of the important documents are in the form of sworn translations, made from the Dutch originals for the use of the Governors. In some instances, but not in all, both the original and the translation have been preserved. In corresponding with the Governors the French language was frequently used by those who understood it, as thereby translations were made unnecessary. The documents are upon the whole in an excellent state of preservation. A few of the sheets of foolscap were frayed away where they were folded, but no difficulty was found in repairing them without obliterating the text.

The titles and contents of the volumes which have been arranged and bound are as follow :—

PROCLAMATIONS. 1795—1803.

Two Volumes bound with drab parchment backs and marked in ink Nos 9 and 10 contain the proclamations issued between the 1st of October 1795 and the 28th of January 1803. An index of the contents is to be found in the published volume of Statute Law at the Cape of Good Hope.

A large Volume bound in brown leather and labelled "Proclamations, 1795-1803," is a duplicate of the above, and contains also copies of a few proclamations of the year 1806.

A thin Volume with green back labelled "Proclamations, 1798-1803," is a triplicate of the above from the 3rd of November 1798, and contains also a copy of a proclamation of the 20th February 1803.

DIARIES. 1795—1803.

A large Volume with drab parchment back, labelled "Day Book," contains a Diary of Events of Note and Public Business, kept in the office of the Colonial Secretary from the 1st of December 1795 to the 10th of December 1799.

Another large Volume labelled "Diary, 1799-1803," contains a continuation of the above from the 11th of December 1799 to the 21st of February 1803.

A Volume foolscap size of 582 pages, labelled "Diary, 1800-1802," contains a duplicate of the above from the 9th of December 1799 to the 10th of July 1801 and from the 21st of October 1801 to the 13th of September 1802.

INSTRUCTIONS.

A thin foolscap book with green back, labelled on the side "Instructions to the several Public Departments of the Civil Government of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope since its surrender to His Britannic Majesty," contains (as copied into it shortly after they were issued)

Instructions for the Burgher Senate. 31st January 1796.
" the Veldwachtmeesters. 2nd September 1797.
" the Surveyor of Buildings 7th November 1797.
" the Port Captain. 28th August 1797.
" the Messenger of the Court of Justice. 20th November 1797.
" the Postholder of Plettenberg's Bay. 3rd November 1796, 31st March and 1st April 1797.
" the Landdrost of Graaff Reinet. 20th June 1797 and 14 February 1798.
" establishing a Post Office. 1st March 1798.
" the Auditor General, 13th September 1798.
" the Superintendent of the Botanic Garden. 27th September 1798.
" the President and Members of the Government Bank. 3rd July 1798.
" the Collector of Land Revenue. 18th July 1798.
" Messrs Visser and Louw relative to making peace with the Bushmen. 24th July 1798.
" the Collector of Customs. 24th July and 19th November 1798.
" Mr Callender relative to the Government Forests. 27th November 1798.
" the Port Captain, 28th December 1798.
" to prevent Fires. 5th January 1799.
" the Wykmeesters. 31st January 1799.
" Mr Adriansen relative to preventing communication with the interior. 16th February 1799.
" Major McNab proceeding with a Detachment to Zwartkops River. 17th February 1799.

Instructions for John Barrow Esq, proceeding to Outeniqualand. 8th March 1799.

„ the master of the brig *Georgiana*. 17th April 1799.

„ the Officer commanding at Muizenberg. 15th May 1799.

„ the Deputy Barrack Master General. 1st January 1800.

„ the Port Captain. 18th February 1800.

„ establishing a Printing Office. 21st July 1800.

„ the Holder of the Canteen in the Castle. 20th August 1800.

„ the Corn Board. March 1801.

„ the Deputy Commissary of Woodlands. 1st March 1801.

A thin foolscap book with brown back, labelled on the side "Instructions to the Several Public Departments, Cape of Good Hope, 1796-1798," contains duplicates of some of the above.

LETTERS AND ANNEXURES. 1795—1802.

The miscellaneous documents in this volume are copies of annexures to despatches. The varied contents have been bound together, because they are all written on paper of the same size, much larger than foolscap. They comprise:—

Letter to Major General Craig from the Representatives of the people of Graaff Reinet, explaining their conduct. ——— 1795.

Copy of General Craig's reply to the above.

Return of expenses incurred by the former government for the maintenance of slaves. 28th November 1795.

Return of the Revenue of the Colony for the years ending 31st August 1794 and 31st August 1795.

Average Revenue for the Ten Years from 1784 to 1794, with observations on the different items.

Estimates of the Civil List for the year 1795–6.

Memorandum relative to the Salaries and Emoluments of the Governors under the Dutch East India Company.

Return of the Debtors and Creditors of the Dutch East India Company at the date of the capitulation.

Return of Arrear Colonial Revenue at the date of the capitulation.

Application of the members of the Court of Justice for salaries to be attached to their offices. 16th October 1795.

Reply of Major General Craig to the above application.

Return of Duties paid at Cape Town.

Correspondence relative to a Danish ship.

List of Pensioners. 18th March 1796.

Letter of Major General Craig to the Burgher Senate enclosing an extract from the Secretary of State's letter of the 16th January 1796.

Reply of the Senate to the above.

Revenue and Expenditure Returns for the half year ending 31st March 1796.

Letter of the Burgher Senate to Major General Craig concerning materials for the mills and watercourses. 13th May 1796.

Census Returns of the year 1795.

Reply of the Court of Justice to a letter from Major General Craig concerning the abolition of capital punishment by the wheel. 14th January 1796.

Returns of Revenue and Expenditure from the 30th September 1795 to the 5th May 1797.

Letters of the Cape Government to the Governments of India and St Helena from the 21st May 1797 to 8th January 1802.

Extracts of Instructions of the Crown to the Governors of the Cape Colony.

Letter to Major General Dundas from the Governor and Council of Madras, covering the opinion of the Attorney General of that Presidency upon the detention of some Armenian property on board of a Danish ship seized by an English man of war. 13th August 1799.

LETTERS DESPATCHED WITHIN THE COLONY. 1796—1803.

Seven large Volumes, labelled as above, contain copies of letters from the Governors and the Colonial Secretaries to officers and individuals within the Colony. The series is unbroken from the 22nd of February 1796 to the 18th of February 1803.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BURGHER SENATE. 1795—1802.

The documents contained in this volume show the various duties performed by the Burgher Senate. They contain a large amount of information concerning the Paper Currency, the Prices of Colonial Produce, Municipal Regulations, and Colonial Trade. There is also a series of interesting papers concerning the wine farm Constantia.

LETTERS FROM GRAAFF REINET. 1796—1798.

This volume contains a large number of interesting letters from Graaff Reinet, most of them concerning the disturbances in the eastern portion of the Colony.

LETTERS FROM SWELLENDAM. 1795—1802.

This volume contains letters which furnish important information upon the wars and disturbances that occurred at the time, as well as upon the affairs of the district.

LETTERS FROM STELLENBOSCH. 1795—1802.

Three Volumes containing numerous important letters upon the internal condition of the Colony, the various disturbances of the period, &c.

LETTERS. ORIGINAL COPY. 1795—1801.

A number of loose letters have been arranged according to date, and bound in one volume labelled as above. They comprise :—

Letter (with annexure) from Mr H Cloete to Sir Alured Clarke, Admiral Elphinstone, and General Craig, concerning outrages committed by some English soldiers at Great Constantia. 21st September 1795.

Letter from Admiral Elphinstone to General Craig, concerning some sheep. 26th September 1795.

Letter of Commissioner A J Sluysken to Sir A Clarke, Admiral Elphinstone, and General Craig, covering a list of the servants of the Dutch East India Company. (List not to be found). Speaks of Louis Pisany and the Hottentot Captain Kees as political prisoners then in confinement in the Castle. 30th September 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, requesting that certain clerks may continue to draw their salaries in order that some necessary documents may be prepared. 1st October 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, requesting payment of salaries due to certain public servants up to the 16th of September. 6th October 1795.

Letter from Naval Storekeeper Farquhar to Secretary Ross concerning his instructions and public property at Simon's Town and Cape Town. 7th October 1795.

Letter from Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn to Sir A Clarke, Admiral Elphinstone, and General Craig, concerning the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty. 8th October 1795.

Letter from Commissioner A J Sluysken to Sir A Clarke, Admiral Elphinstone, and General Craig, concerning the paper currency of the Colony. 12th October 1795.

Letter from Commissioner A J Sluysken to General Craig, concerning two cases addressed to the Prince of Orange and left behind in 1792 by the Commissioners Nederburgh and Frykenius. 15th October 1795.

Request of Mr C Gie to the Governor to be allowed to deliver to an American sea captain some wine for which

payment had been received in 1794. Endorsements: Proclamation grants free trade upon paying the regular exportation duty. No trade can be admitted in foreign bottoms. 15th October 1795.

Report of Messrs C Brand and A de Waal to Major General Craig, concerning an agreement for the supply of wine by Mr J J van den Berg. 24th October 1795.

Letter from Commissioner Sluysken to General Craig, concerning some public documents. 26th October 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning some medicines and instruments for the ship in which he is to proceed to Holland, and some colours belonging to the Company of Writers. 31st October 1795.

Letter from Commissioner Sluysken to the Chief English Officers, concerning some public debtors. 31st October 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, accompanying a memorial of Debtors and Creditors of the Dutch East India Company. 31st October 1795.

Letter from Messrs O G de Wet and E Bergh to Secretary Ross, concerning the books of transfer. 3rd November 1795.

Letter from J F Neidhart to General Clarke, giving particulars of his life and information concerning the condition of affairs at Graaff Reinet. 8th November 1795.

Letter from Commodore Blankett to General Craig, concerning the American ship *Nancy*. 15th November 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning the Danish ship *Alexander*. 3rd December 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning his last letter. 22nd December 1795.

Letter from Mr Matthieson to Secretary Ross, concerning the emoluments arising from sales by public auction. 23rd December 1795.

Letter from Mr J Strombom to General Craig, requesting permission to land from a Swedish ship a quantity of iron ordered in 1794 and sent from London to the Cape. 20th January 1796.

Letter from Commodore Blankett to General Craig, concerning the cargo of the *Gertruyda*. 9th February 1796.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning the ship *Superbe*. 13th February 1796.

Letter from Mr John Hay to Secretary Ross, offering to obtain intelligence concerning a reported insurrection in the country. 23rd February 1796.

Letter from Commodore Blankett to General Craig, requesting the use of some slaves. 28th February 1796.

Letter from Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn to General Craig, concerning his private property in the government warehouse. 1st March 1796.

Letter from Mr Eksteen to General Craig, concerning damages caused by people rooting out wood on the Cape Downs. 9th March 1796. Reply by Secretary Ross.

Letter from Captain Trentigen to General Craig, concerning the wrecked Swedish ship *Gothenburg*. 19th March 1796.

Letter from William Bass, supercargo of the American ship *Nancy*, to General Craig, concerning some legal proceedings in connection with that vessel. 24th March 1796.

Letter from Mr Strombom to Secretary Ross, concerning some private property belonging to the crew of the wrecked ship *Gothenburg*. 4th April 1796.

Letter from Captain Trentigen to General Craig, requesting permission to sell by public auction the wreck of the *Gothenburg*. 4th April 1796.

List of Articles saved from the *Gothenburg*.

Letter from Mr John Hay to Secretary Ross, concerning the reported disturbance in the country. 5th April 1796.

Letter from the same to the same, giving an account of some past transactions at the Cape. 5th April 1796.

Letter from Mr Strombom to Secretary Ross, concerning the goods of the wrecked ship *Gothenburg*. 8th April 1796.

Letter from Mr P J de Wet to General Craig, concerning duties on the sale of government stores. 22nd April 1796.

Letter from Mr W van Oostersee to General Craig, concerning the signing of the paper money. 14th May 1796

Letter (with annexure) from Mr Hickman Rose to Secretary Ross, concerning the ship *Columbia*. 14th June 1796.

Letter from Mr Kirsten to General Craig, concerning the lease of some farms at Groene Kloof 12th July 1796.

Letter from Mr John Jackson to General Craig, concerning Admiral Elphinstone's opinion of the ships seen off Saldanha Bay. 3rd August 1796.

Letter from Admiral Elphinstone to General Craig, reporting the arrival of the English fleet in Simon's Bay and requesting that all communication be prevented between Cape Town and Saldanha Bay. 12th August 1796.

Undated memorandum of the same to the same.

Letter from Mr C E Ziervogel to Secretary Ross, concerning a supply of wine and brandy for the troops at Saldanha Bay. 12th August 1796.

Letter from Captain Stroven to General Craig, complaining of the exorbitant charges for meat at Simon's Town. 24th August 1796.

Letter from Mr S van Reenen to General Craig, concerning some personal occurrences. 16th September 1796.

Letter from Mr G Goetz to Admiral Elphinstone, concerning two passengers on board one of the Dutch ships taken prize at Saldanha Bay. 28th September 1796.

Two letters from Navy Contractor James Brown to Secretary Ross, concerning some calicoes on board an American ship. 14th November 1796.

Letter from Naval Storekeeper Farquhar to Secretary Ross, requesting permission to recruit seamen from the prison. 16th November 1796.

Letter from Mr James Brown to Secretary Ross, concerning an American ship. 16th November 1796.

Letter from Mr James Brown to General Craig, requesting permission to purchase some slaves on board a Portuguese vessel in the bay. 6th December 1796.

Letter from the same to Secretary Ross on the same subject. 26th January 1797.

Certificate of the Burgher Council as to the want in the Colony of some calicoes such as those brought in the American ship *Diana* from Bengal. 13th February 1797.

Letter from the Rev Mr Borcherds and others to General Craig, on the subject of the relative rank of clergymen and landdrosts. 15th February 1797.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning some proceedings of the Landdrost and Heemraad of Stellenbosch. 23rd February 1797.

Letter from the Rev Mr Borcherds to General Craig, concerning the Landdrost of Stellenbosch. 23rd February 1797.

Letter (with annexure) from Mr J M Prins to the Fiscal Van Ryneveld concerning the supply of corn. 7th March 1797.

Letter from Secretary Barnard to Lord Macartney, asking for the temporary employment of three English clerks in the Colonial Office. 8th May 1797. Endorsed: Approved.

Letter from Mr Strombom to Secretary Barnard, concerning the permission given to him by Lord Macartney to import a cargo of slaves. 18th May 1797.

Letter from the captain of the American ship *Hero* to Lord Macartney, asking permission to take in provisions and to sell sufficient cargo to meet expenses. 23rd May 1797.

Letter from Captain Thompson to Lord Macartney, asking permission for the passengers of the *Lord Thurlow* to land. 4th June 1797.

Letter from Mr John Read to Secretary Barnard, dated from the ship *Hillsboro* in Simon's Bay, requesting Lord Macartney's permission to visit Cape Town. 5th June 1797.

Letter from the Receiver General E Bergh to Lord Macartney, requesting release from payment of a certain sum of money due to the government, with reasons why the request should be granted. 9th June 1797.

Letter from Captain Thompson to Lord Macartney, requesting permission for Mr Munnik to supply forty bushels of barley to the *Lord Thurlow*. 13th June 1797.

Letter from Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn to Lord Macartney, concerning the oath of allegiance. 13th June 1797.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning a Danish ship in Simon's Bay. 15th June 1797.

Letter from Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn to Lord Macartney, concerning the oath of allegiance. 16th June 1797.

Letter from the same to Secretary Barnard, on the same subject. 17th June 1797.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning the detention of a Danish ship until after the sailing of the English East Indiamen. 17th June 1797.

Letter from Mr J H Dollfus to Lord Macartney, concerning a demand for damages. 19th June 1797.

Letter from Captain Noragen of the Danish ship *Louise Augusta* to Lord Macartney, stating that in conformity with the Port Regulations that no ship is to sail without the Governor being acquainted with it 48 hours beforehand, his vessel will be ready for sea by that time. 20th June 1797.

Letter from Mr Warnecke to Lord Macartney, requesting on account of old age and illness to be relieved of the offices of Member of the Council of Justice and Burgher Councillor. 27th June 1797.

Letter from Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn to Secretary Barnard, concerning the oath of allegiance. 28th June 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the Danish ship *Norge* to Lord Macartney, asking permission to purchase some provisions. 10th July 1797. Endorsed: Granted.

Letter from Captain Thibault to Lord Macartney, concerning the oath of allegiance. 11th July 1797.

Letter from Mr P Pownal to Secretary Barnard, concerning waste of water by breakage of pipes. 11th July 1797.

Letter from Major Van Baalen to Lord Macartney, asking for a passport. 13th July 1797.

Report of Mr J Heintjes to the Fiscal Van Ryneveld, concerning a journey taken for the purpose of forwarding some letters to the landdrost of Graaff Reinet. 27th July 1797.

Letter from Captain Skottowe to Lord Macartney, asking permission to have 600 lbs of flour made into biscuits for the use of the passengers by the *Bridgewater*. 28th July 1797. Endorsed: Permission granted, and care to be taken that no greater quantity be baked under colour of this privilege.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, requesting that as peas, beans, and spirits cannot be obtained in the Colony, the fleet be supplied from surplus army stores. 31st July 1797.

Letter from Mr Nash, an officer of the E I Company's ship *Airly Castle*, to Lord Macartney, concerning a fugitive slave. 5th August 1797. Lord Macartney's note thereon.

Letter from Mr John Murray to Lord Macartney, requesting that some sugar may be landed from the E I Company's ship *Tuscan* and sold by auction. 7th August 1797. Referred to the agent of the E I Company.

Letter from Captain Lambe to Lord Macartney, requesting a marriage license. 7th August 1797. Granted.

Letter from Mr Alexander Tennant to Lord Macartney, asking permission to send the brig *Diana* to the eastward for a cargo of rice or slaves. 7th August 1797. Not granted until return of another vessel allowed to sail for the same purpose.

Letter from the captain of the Prussian ship *Frederick the Great* to Secretary Barnard, requesting the Governor's permission to purchase some fresh provisions. 10th August 1797. Endorsed: Granted.

Letter from Mr Nash to Secretary Barnard, stating why a fugitive slave was not arrested by him. 10th August 1797. Lord Macartney's note upon this, evincing much displeasure.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning a Dutch brig laden with munitions of war made prize at Delagoa Bay by an English whaler, and sent to Simon's Bay. 11th August 1797. Annexures: Copy of a letter from the captain of the whaler to Admiral Pringle and Affidavits concerning the mode of capture and destination of the prize.

Letter from the same to the same, concerning the powder on board the prize.

Letter from Mr D G Anosi to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to land four bales of calico from a Danish ship. 14th August 1797. Permission refused. Goods not to be imported by foreign ships.

Letter from Captain Van Kervel to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to land from a Danish ship a few articles purchased by him in Bengal for the use of his family. 15th August 1797. Endorsement: This petition cannot be granted. It is besides irregular, not being on a proper stamp.

Letter from Garrison Church Clerk James Norris to Secretary Barnard, regarding "a native of Africa and who is at the years of maturity and free born, whose wish it is to be baptized according to the Church of England." 15th August 1797. Endorsed: Leave has been granted.

Letter from Mr Van Reede van Oudtshoorn to Lord Macartney, asking permission to land a few pieces of calico and handkerchiefs for the use of his family, which a friend who has visited India in a Danish ship has purchased there for him. 16th August 1797.

Letter from Mr Kirsten to Lord Macartney, asking permission to cut 50 or 60 poplar spars at Groene Kloof to make a stable. 17th August 1797. Granted.

Letter from Nicholas Bartlem, who was "at the taking of the Cape," to Lord Macartney, requesting a license to open a tavern. 28th August 1797.

Letter from Contractor James Brown to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to send a vessel to Bengal for some spirits and sugar. 2nd September 1797.

Letter from Mr John Gahan to Secretary Barnard, requesting the Governor's permission to remain here for a short time "to exercise the profession of Miniature Painting." 5th September 1797. Endorsed: Mr Gahan has permission to remain in the colony for a few weeks.

Letter from Contractor James Brown to Secretary Barnard, concerning Lord Macartney's refusal of his request of the 2nd inst. 6th September 1797.

Letter from the same to the same, begging leave to desist from troubling His Excellency any further upon the subject. 10th September 1797.

Letter from the agent of the British ship *Exeter* to Lord Macartney, asking permission to sell sufficient sugar and tea to cover the expense of necessary repairs to the ship. 14th September 1797. Endorsed by Lord Macartney: I do not find that Tea is wanted here at present. Sugar to the amount of the repairs may be sold. If Captain Whitford has any Bengal spirits on board he is at liberty to sell them to Mr Brown, the Contractor for the Navy.

Letter from Contractor James Brown to Secretary Barnard, asking permission to purchase 20 tons of sugar. 17th September 1797.

Letter from the captain of a Hamburg ship to Lord Macartney, asking if he will be allowed to land some Arabian horses if he brings them on his return from Bengal. 20th September 1797. Endorsed: I have no objection.

Letter from the Admiral's Secretary to Secretary Barnard, asking that the Hamburg ship may be detained for at least two days after the sailing of the East India fleet. 24th September 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the Hamburg ship to Secretary Barnard, concerning his detention in Table Bay. 25th September 1797.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning the sending of some French prisoners of war to Mauritius. 26th September 1797.

List of French prisoners of war at the Cape. 2nd October 1797.

Memorial of Mr C G Holme, Overseer of the Government Slave Lodge, to Lord Macartney, requesting that a certain inhabitant of Cape Town may be permitted to emancipate a female government slave over fifty years of age and make her his heiress, upon giving in exchange for her a male slave 18 years of age and valued at 600 rixdollars. 10th October 1797. States "such changes tending at once to the benefit of government and to the happiness of a poor slave were very usual under the former government."

English translation of Captain De Freyn's protest against his vessel the *Hare* being seized in neutral waters and by a vessel not provided with Letters of Marque. Also against the treatment received by himself and his crew. 18th October 1797.

Depositions of several Hottentots of Namaqualand concerning raids made upon them by farmers. 20th October 1797.

Application of Mr A Tennant to the Collector of Customs for a permit to land 120 chests of Tea. 22nd October 1797.

Letter (with annexures) from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning encroachments on the Naval Yard at Simon's Town. 28th October 1797.

Letter of Mr J Onkruydt to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to land some articles which he has brought with him from Bengal for his own use, upon payment of customs duty. 31st October 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the *Taunton Castle* to Lord Macartney, asking leave to take in provisions. 3rd November 1797. Lord Macartney's notes thereon. From the same to the same, on the same subject. 6th November 1797.

Letter from Mr Farquhar to Secretary Barnard, asking the Governor's permission for a passenger in an English ship to remain here as a clerk. 11th November 1797. From the same to the same, on the same subject. 14th November 1797.

Letter of Overseer C Landwerth to the Colonial Secretary, asking for supplies of clothing for the convicts. 14th November 1797.

Petition to Lord Macartney of Francois Roos, Tielman Roos, Tielman Roux, and Jacobus Petrus Roux, to be released from confinement. 14th November 1797.

Letter from Mr Goetz to Secretary Ross, asking permission to land from an American brig and dispose of 100 bales of coffee. 15th November 1797. Granted.

Letter from Captain Palm, of the Dutch Navy, to Lord Macartney, respecting a seat in the church for his wife according to her rank. 16th November 1797. Lord Macartney's endorsement on the subject of rank.

Letter from the Receiver General E Bergh to Lord Macartney, concerning a claim against him.

Letter from Admiral Pringle to Lord Macartney, concerning encroachments on the Naval Yard at Simon's Town. 6th December 1797.

Report of Mr C E Ziervogel to Lord Macartney, concerning the purchase of barley for the public service and the probable yield of the harvest of certain individuals. 9th December 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the E I Company's ship *Woodford* to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to ship some provisions. 9th December 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the *True Briton* to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to ship some provisions. 11th December 1797.

Letter from Mr P A Myburgh to Lord Macartney, requesting to know what offence he has committed that thirty dragoons are quartered on his farm. 12th December 1797.

Letter from Lieutenant Thierens, prisoner of war on parole, to Lord Macartney, requesting leave to remain in South Africa until he can get an opportunity to proceed to Malacca. 14th December 1797.

Letter from the Captain of the *Caledonia* to Lord Macartney, requesting permission to ship some provisions. 18th December 1797.

Letter from Lieutenant Thierens to Lord Macartney, requesting information as to the persons who have caused him to be suspected of being ill affected towards the government. 20th December 1797. Endorsed by Lord Macartney: Let Mr Tierens prepare to depart by the first ships.

Letter from Mr Thomas Tait to Lord Macartney, concerning the American ship *Hope*. 24th January 1798.

Letter from Captain Cameron to Lord Macartney, concerning some forage for horned cattle and sheep which he is taking from this place to Port Jackson. 3rd March 1798.

Report of the state of health of a shipment of slaves brought from Mozambique in a vessel owned at Cape Town. 20th March 1798.

Return of ships that sailed from Table Bay between the 1st January and 31st March 1798.

Letter from Captain Wilkinson to Lord Macartney, reporting the capture at sea of a Spanish ship. 6th April 1798.

Foreign news brought by the American ship *Eliza*. 27th February 1799.

Letter from Captain Lee to Secretary Ross, concerning the transport of timber to Algoa Bay to form a blockhouse there. 17th July 1799.

Letter from Captain Lee to General Dundas on the same subject. 20th July 1799.

Application for one or two boats for the purpose of landing materials for the blockhouse at Algoa Bay. 8th August 1799.

Instructions for the Commander of His Majesty's ship *Rattlesnake* in Algoa Bay. 10th August 1799.

Reasons assigned by the Commodore of the Station for not employing one of His Majesty's ships to bring timber from Plettenberg's Bay to repair the windmills and the wharf. 10th August 1799.

Letter from the Commodore to General Frazer, concerning a man of war proceeding to Algoa Bay. 8th September 1799.

Letter from the same to the same, asking permission to land a slave purchased by his wife at Johanna, upon payment of the customary duty. 8th September 1799.

Letter from the Port Captain to General Frazer, concerning a slave vessel in quarantine. 5th December 1799.

Letter from Sir Roger Curtis to Sir George Yonge, applying for the apprehension of some deserters at Graaff Reinet. 24th March 1800.

Letter from the Port Captain to Sir George Yonge, applying for an office and a clerk.

Charter Party of the *Young Nicholas* to the government. ——May 1800.

The Port Captain's Return of his Establishment. 8th August 1800.

Letter from Mr J Pringle to Sir George Yonge, concerning the importation of Indian goods. 31st October 1800. Annexure: Letter from India.

Letter from Sir Roger Curtis to the Governor, requesting that an embargo be laid on all ships bound eastward until ten days after the sailing of the fleet under Sir Home Popham. 17th February 1801.

Examination of Mr McCarthy, master of the brig *Dispatch*, by the Governor and the Harbour Master. 10th April 1801.

Letter from Sir George Yonge to Secretary Barnard, concerning breaches of the Colonial Regulations by the master of the *Dispatch*. 11th April 1801.

THE REVOLT AT SWELLENDAM. 1795.

This volume contains a copy of the official documents connected with the revolt at Swellendam in June—September 1795, the original signatures of those individuals in the district who took the oath of allegiance to the King of England, and a list of those who were unable from age or illness to repair to the drosdy to take the oath. The documents connected with the revolt appear to have been copied at Swellendam and sent to Cape Town to be translated for the information of General Craig.

DISTURBANCES IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COLONY. 1795—1802.

The following papers have been arranged according to dates, and bound in one volume with the above title:—

Letter of the Provisional Landdrost and Officers of Graaff Reinet to General Craig, concerning recent occurrences. 27th October 1795.

Letter of Mr Bresler to General Craig, concerning occurrences on his journey towards Graaff Reinet. 30th January 1796.

Report of Mr Bresler to General Craig of the events of the 22nd February 1796 when at a meeting of people at Graaff Reinet the English flag was hauled down and he was rejected as landdrost. 2nd March 1796.

Letter (with annexures) of Mr Bresler to General Craig, giving a detailed account of occurrences at Graaff Reinet after his arrival there to assume the duties of landdrost. 26th May 1796.

Circular of Martinus Prinsloo calling upon the farmers of Graaff Reinet to assemble on the 15th July at the farm of Willem Prinsloo to agree to the best terms of capitulation to the English. 21st June 1796.

Letter of people of Graaff Reinet to General Craig, announcing that at a meeting held that day the inhabitants resolved to submit to the English authorities. 22nd August 1796.

Letter from Solomon Ferreira to Landdrost Bresler, concerning losses sustained by Kaffir depredations some time before. 23rd September 1797.

Report of Commandant De Beer to Landdrost Bresler upon the depredations of the bushmen in the Zwartberg. 10th June 1798.

Report of the Veldwachtmeester J van Rensburg concerning the depredations committed by Kaffirs and Hottentots. 29th July 1798.

Deposition of S Ferreira concerning the invasion of the District of Swellendam by the Kaffirs. 14th September 1798.

Johannes Eberhardt, who is out of prison on bail but not allowed to leave Cape Town, requests permission to

visit his farm. Endorsed: This request cannot be complied with. He must settle his affairs by agents and prepare to leave the colony. 14th February 1799.

Deposition of the Widow Putter concerning the rescue of Adrian van Jaarsveld. 14th February 1799.

Deposition of J Oertel concerning the same event. 16th February 1799.

Letter of the Rev Mr Ballot to the Fiscal concerning the disturbances at Graaff Reinet. 24th February 1799.

Report of Sergeant Irwin to Adjutant Dickson concerning occurrences at Graaff Reinet. 24th February 1799.

Letter of General Vandeleur to General Dundas, concerning his march towards Graaff Reinet. 26th February 1799.

Letter from the same to the same, giving reasons for issuing an order that the farmers on the west side of Attaquas Kloof were not to leave their homes for fourteen days. 27th February 1799.

Letter from Mr James Callender to General Dundas, concerning the alarm caused in Outeniqualand by the reports from Graaff-Reinet. 28th February 1799.

Letter from General Vandeleur to General Dundas, concerning the disturbed condition of the country, his movements, &c, near Algoa Bay. Undated.

Letter from the Rev Mr Ballot to the Fiscal Van Ryneveld, concerning the recent events at Graaff Reinet. March 1799.

Letter from Mr Ackerman to Secretary Ross concerning the alarm in Outeniqualand. 2nd March 1799.

Report of Mr Adriansen to General Dundas that on account of the intelligence from Graaff Reinet he had detained at Hex River nine waggons journeying from Cape Town to that district. 6th March 1799.

Another of the same date concerning powder and lead found in two of these waggons.

Another of the 12th of March, reporting the release of the waggons, the detention of the powder and lead, and some circumstances connected with deserters from the army.

Journal of Major McNab from the 2nd to the 22nd March 1799. Marching from Algoa Bay to Graaff Reinet.

Letter from General Vandeleur to General Dundas, reporting his arrival at Graaff Reinet with a body of troops and describing the disturbed condition of the Eastern Districts. 21st March 1799.

Letter from the same to the same reporting his movements. 22nd March 1799.

Letter from General Vandeleur to W Prinsloo and D Liebenberg announcing that until the insurgents lay down their arms and ask pardon he cannot treat with them. 24th March 1799.

Letter from General Vandeleur to Mr Barrow concerning military movements. 27th March 1799.

Letter from the same to the same on the like subject. 8th April 1799.

Letter from General Vandeleur to General Dundas, reporting the surrender of 145 insurgents and the escape of others into Kaffirland. Speaks of further military movements and praises the troops under his command. Bruintjes Hoogte, 10th April 1799.

Letter from Mr Barrow to General Dundas, reporting his movements and the condition of the country he was then in. Zitzikama, 11th April 1799.

Letter from the same to the same, reporting his having joined General Vandeleur at Algoa Bay and giving an account of events there. 15th April 1799.

Petition of Frederick Botha to be released from confinement. 15th April 1799.

J J Botha, an old man and Senior Commandant of Swellendam burghers, requests on account of ill health to be released from his long confinement 15th April 1799. Endorsement (evidently of a month later): To be delivered from imprisonment.

Notice of General Vandeleur ordering all persons to release any Kaffirs in their service under a penalty of a fine of one hundred rixdollars for each one detained.

J J Botha and F Botha represent that since their confinement in the castle they have been daily in hope of being speedily examined and so enabled to purge themselves of the charges laid against them. They declare

their innocence, refer to their wretched condition, and ask to be allowed at least to reside in Cape Town under bail to appear when required. Endorsed by General Dundas: The Lieutenant Governor has not yet been able to determine as to the steps to be taken relative to the two petitioners, who must consequently remain in their present situation. 10th May 1799.

Instructions of General Vandeleur for Commandant Van Rensburg, who is proceeding on an expedition against the Kaffirs. 24th May 1799.

Petition of Dirk Coetse that he and his wife, or otherwise his wife alone, may be permitted the gloomy consolation of visiting their son who is one of the Graaff Reinet prisoners in the castle. Endorsed by General Dundas: This request cannot at present be granted. 26th June 1799.

The wife of Mr J A Horak petitions for her husband's release. 29th June 1799.

Mr J A Horak petitions to be released from confinement in the castle. He sends a medical certificate showing one of his children to be on the point of death, and offers ten thousand rixdollars bail. 2nd July 1799.

P S Hammes, a blacksmith of Cape Town who has been confined in the castle, petitions not to be sent away from the Colony, or that he may at least be permitted under good security to remain at his own house until his departure, in order to realize his property. Endorsed by General Dundas: Permitted to return to his house upon giving sufficient bond from two inhabitants of Cape Town each bound in a penal sum of two thousand rixdollars that he shall not leave Cape Town without the consent of the Governor nor continue to hold any improper company or correspondence upon political subjects. At the same time he is to hold himself in readiness to quit the Colony when ordered so to do. 3rd July 1799.

The wife of Theunis Botha petitions for her husband's release or that she may at least be permitted to visit him in prison. She gives particulars of his conduct previous to his arrest, the pillage of their farm on the Zwartkops by Kaffirs and Hottentots, of her absolute destitution and misery, and entreats for mercy. Endorsed: The prayer of this petition cannot be granted and the petitioner is advised to return to her place. 6th July 1799.

Letter of the Rev H W Ballot to Coenraad Buys in Kaffirland, concerning the pardon offered to him by the Government. He refers to the other refugees in Kaffirland, and recommends to his assistance the bearers of the letter, the Rev Dr Van der Kemp and Mr Edmonds. 10th July 1799.

Petition of Mr J A Horak to be graciously permitted to return to his unhappy family. He admits that he is in politics a republican and has freely given utterance to his opinions, but denies that he has ever attempted to upset the government here or to influence the country people in their conduct. He promises to be more cautious in his discourse and behaviour and not to meddle in politics. 10th July 1799.

The wife of F P Rautenbach petitions for her husband's release. She gives the particulars of his connection with the disturbances, and states that they have been almost ruined by the Kaffirs and Hottentots. 18th July 1799.

The wife G H Rautenbach petitions for her husband's release. She states that her husband was a supporter of the English Government. Recounts particulars. 18th July 1799.

List of persons murdered in the district of Swellendam on the 22nd July 1799, with an account of some later events.

Letter of Fieldcornet C J van Rooyen to other Fieldcornets calling upon them for speedy assistance. 28th July 1799.

Letter from Stephanus Ferreira to Solomon Ferreira, concerning depredations and murders committed by Kaffirs. 29th July 1799.

Letter (with annexures) from Landdrost Bresler to General Dundas, concerning the devastation of the eastern districts by the Kaffirs and Hottentots. 29th July 1799.

Letter from Mr James Callender to General Dundas, concerning measures for defence at Plettenberg's Bay. 5th August 1799.

Letter (with annexures) from Landdrost Bresler to General Dundas, reporting the advance of the insurgents and the flight of the inhabitants, and asking for speedy assistance. 5th August 1799.

Letter from the Fiscal Van Ryneveld to Mr H Maynier, requiring him to hasten to General Dundas at Swellendam to assist in making peace with the Kaffirs. 10th August 1799.

Letter from Landdrost Bresler to General Dundas, reporting the great danger of the drostdy being destroyed. 20th August 1799.

Report of Commissioners Pringle and Van Ryneveld to General Fraser, concerning a commando of two hundred men proceeding from Stellenbosch to Graaff Reinet. 21st August 1799.

Letter from Landdrost Bresler to Secretary Barnard concerning the danger of the drostdy. 26th August 1799.

Letter from Landdrost Bresler to General Fraser, reporting the arrival at the drostdy of some soldiers and ammunition. 9th September 1799.

Letter of P W Prinsloo to Landdrost Bresler, stating why he is removing to the kraal of Gaika. 15th September 1799.

Petition of the Burgher Senate to General Fraser to treat less rigorously the Graaff Reinet prisoners in the castle. 18th September 1799.

Letter of S Naude to Landdrost Bresler reporting destruction of property and uncertainty of the fate of individuals. 22nd September 1799.

Letter of Mr J Holtshausen to the Governor concerning depredations committed by Kaffirs. 25th September 1799.

One hundred and eight persons petition for the release of their countrymen confined in the castle. They refer to their long imprisonment and deplorable situation. Offer security for them. 2nd October 1799.

Report of Landdrost Bresler to General Dundas of continued murders and depredations, and of military operations. 7th October 1799.

Letter of Thomas Lyndon to Major McNab, forwarding the statement of an English deserter who has surrendered, concerning the movements of Coenraad Buys,

a number of other refugee farmers, and nine English deserters who are in Kaffirland. 7th October 1799.

Deposition of Mr F de Wet concerning a false report made by Jan de Villiers, that the English had been defeated at Graaff Reinet with great loss and that General Dundas had been compelled to retreat. 9th October 1799.

Letter of Landdrost Bresler to General Fraser, reporting the arrival at Graaff Reinet of Colonel Saunders with troops, and that the Governor had entered into negotiations for peace with the insurgent Kaffirs and Hottentots. 16th October 1799.

Journal of Field-cornet P H van Rooyen on commando.

G J Dutoit petitions for the remission of lease rent on his farm in the Hantam for four years, on the ground of his whole property having been swept off by roving Hottentots. With certificates. 19th October 1799.

Messrs G F Goetz and T A Vermaak state that H A Vermaak has been sentenced to be banished for having held treasonable correspondence with the enemy. They speak of the clemency of the government and of their gratitude that he has been permitted to remain in his own house under charge of a sentry. They petition that the order for the sale of his house may be cancelled, because it is held in common with his sickly wife, whose rights are secured under the capitulation. His garden near Cape Town will be sold. Endorsed by General Fraser: Reply, the prayer is provisionally granted, but only for a short time. Mrs Vermaak may be innocent of the treason of her husband, but as the wife follows and partakes the fate and fortune of her husband, Mrs Vermaak will either have to separate totally or to follow her husband when her health permits. There can be no reference to capitulation in this case. Traitors forfeit the protection of all law. 28th October 1799.

Petition of Mr H A Vermaak to be permitted to remain in this his native country. Speaks of the letter addressed to him by Frans Bremer in Holland, and explains a draft letter found among his papers addressed to Bremer. Admits his attachment to Holland, but promises to do nothing offensive to the present government. With marginal notes by General Fraser contradicting some of the statements in the petition. 26th November 1799.

Petition of Mr H A Vermaak to Sir George Yonge not to be sent out of the Colony by the *Regulus*. 20th December 1799. Letter of Mrs Vermaak accompanying this petition.

Letter from J P van der Walt to Mr Maynier, stating that no bushmen were then in his neighbourhood and he could obtain no information concerning them. 24th December 1799.

Petition of Mrs Vermaak to Sir George Yonge entreating that her husband may not be sent in the *Regulus*. With certificate of two English surgeons as to the state of his health. 3rd January 1800.

Another petition of the same to the same of like import. 11th January 1800.

Another petition of the same to the same, informing the Governor that she has communicated to her sick and aged husband His Excellency's decision, and entreating that he may be sent away in the Hamburg ship *Christina*, in which he can procure some assistance such as his ill health demands and not in the *Regulus*. No date.

J A Vermaak petitions that his brother may be allowed to remain in the Colony. No date.

The Field-cornet J S van Niekerk reports a murder and depredations committed by Hottentots at Zwartkops River, and asks for a supply of powder and lead. No date.

Mr T Roos represents that his affairs are becoming deranged, that he has been confined four months without trial, that he can prove himself innocent of improper conduct at Graaff Reinet, and petitions to be allowed to live in Cape Town under bail until his trial. 11th January 1800.

Mr C P Duplessis petitions for the remission of lease rent on his two farms in the district of Swellendam, on the ground that he has been unable to make any use of them through the invasions of the bushmen. 12th February 1800. Endorsed: The Governor grants the prayer of the petition.

Letter of General Dundas to Commissioner Maynier concerning the settlement of affairs at Graaff Reinet. 27th February 1800.

The prisoners in the castle represent their distress from hunger since their friends have been prohibited from visiting them, and from eighty-six of them being confined in one room without being permitted to take any air. They solicit relief. 19th March 1800.

Letter from Messrs J Strydom, T F Dreyer, and P R Erasmus to Coenraad Buys, concerning peace with the Kaffirs. 7th April 1800.

Petition of the Burgher Senate to the Governor to permit the sick Graaff Reinet prisoners to reside in Cape Town under proper security. 15th April 1800. Endorsed by Sir George Yonge: For very urgent and particular reasons this request cannot at present be granted.

Petition of Mr P A Myburgh, in which he states that in obedience to the order of Government forbidding the farmers of Graaff Reinet from leaving their habitations, he instructed his steward and servants to remain upon his two loan places in that district, that the Kaffirs and Hottentots who invaded the district in the past year murdered the steward, burned the buildings, and drove off more than 1,300 head of horned cattle and 4,000 sheep. He asks to be allowed some indemnification. With certificate. 6th June 1800.

Ten of the Graaff-Reinet prisoners petition to be allowed to leave the castle under bail and to reside in Cape Town. No date.

Letter (with annexures) of the Fiscal to the Governor, concerning two prisoners pardoned by General Vandeleur. 30th June 1800.

Copy of the Sentence passed by the Court of Justice upon eighteen prisoners tried for rebellion at Graaff Reinet. 3rd September 1800. A very long document, in which the history of the insurrection is traced.

Petition of the wife of William Grobbelaar for her husband's pardon or a mitigation of his punishment. 11th September 1800. Endorsed: No reply.

Petition of the wife of William Venter for her husband's pardon or a mitigation of his punishment. Gives some particulars of his connection with the disturbances, and names Coenraad Buys as the instigator. 11th September 1800. Endorsed: No reply.

Eight of the Graaff Reinet prisoners petition to be allowed to walk a few hours a day in the open air in the castle. 19th October 1800.

Three more of the Graaff Reinet prisoners petition to the same effect. 23rd October 1800.

Petition of the late Graaff Reinet prisoner Paul Venter for a remission of his arrear rents on the ground that his long detention has rendered him entirely destitute of means. 18th November 1800. Endorsed by Sir George Yonge: Reserved for consideration.

The Widow Scheepers petitions for the release of her son from confinement in the castle, and that he may be permitted under security to reside in Cape Town. 26th November 1800.

Letter from Sir George Yonge to the Fiscal, informing him that he has received intelligence from Graaff Reinet that all is quiet there, that plentiful rains have fallen, that the Commissioners have visited several Kaffir chiefs who are all peaceably inclined except Gaika, and that they have also visited the bushmen and Hottentot kraals. 30th December 1800. Draft of the Fiscal's complimentary reply.

Memorial of Mr P A Myburg referring to his former petition for indemnification which has been unanswered, and requesting that the rent of his farms at Graaff Reinet may be suspended until he can again make use of them. 12th December 1800. Another petition from the same, of like date, has reference to a tent and some chairs which he claims. Draft of General Dundas's reply, refusing compensation and giving reasons for so doing. 9th January 1801.

List of inhabitants lately robbed.—January 1801.

Petition of the Widow Hurster for some indemnification for the entire destruction of her property in the district of Graaff Reinet by the Kaffirs and Hottentots, she having remained on her farm in consequence of the Government order "that no person should abandon his place on pain of death." She states that she is unable to comply with Commissioner Maynier's injunction to return to her ruined place, and asks remission of rents. 13th January 1801. Copy of Commissioner Maynier's letter.

Letter (with annexures) from the Fiscal to the Governor, concerning the return to the Colony of an inhabitant of Graaff Reinet who was banished. 22nd June 1801.

Declaration of J van den Berg concerning a statement made by S Naude with reference to Commissioner Maynier. 9th November 1801.

Letter from nineteen farmers of the Suceuwberg to General Dundas, concerning the murder of S Naude and his wife, the desertion of the Camdeboo, and continued depredations. 21st November 1801.

Letter from nine farmers of Camdeboo to General Dundas, relating their wretched condition, reporting their losses from the insurgents, and complaining of Commissioner Maynier. 21st November 1801.

Letter from seven farmers of Vogel and Melks rivers to General Dundas, reporting the murders and depredations of the Kaffirs and Hottentots. 28th November 1801.

Letter from Commandant Van Rensburg to Major Sherlock, concerning his movements. 7th December 1801.

Letter from Rev Mr Vos to General Dundas, concerning the condition of the inhabitants of Graaff Reinet and the unpopularity of Commissioner Maynier. 8th December 1801.

Letter from Landdrost Bresler to General Dundas, concerning the projected settlement of the Hottentots in a large location. 10th December 1801.

Letter from Commandant Tjaart van der Walt to Fieldcornet Pieter van Rooyen urging him to hasten on with his men. 19th December 1801.

Letter from Fieldcornet C Rademeyer to Commandant Van Rooyen, concerning the depredations of the Hottentots. 13th January 1802.

Mr Wiese requests some indemnification for the destruction of his house at Graaff Reinet on the 23rd of the preceding October. 18th January 1802.

Petition of the Burgher Senate to the Governor for the release of S W Burgers from confinement and for

permission for him to return to Graaff Reinet. 20th March 1802.

Letter of Rev Mr Vos, of Roodezand, to General Dundas, concerning a panic caused by false reports. 18th April 1802.

Letter from Landdrost Faure of Swellendam to General Dundas, concerning a report of a Hottentot insurrection. 26th April 1802.

Declarations concerning the origin of this report.

Mr Benecke prays to be released from confinement, and explains how he came to offend by spreading false reports. 2nd May 1802. He is released and allowed to return to his place of residence in Stellenbosch.

Letter from Major Sherlock to General Dundas, concerning the dispersion of the great commando after the death of Commandant Tjaart van der Walt, and further occurrences that followed. 27th August 1802.

Letter from Landdrost Faure of Swellendam to Commandant Van Rooyen in the Long Kloof, asking for speedy information as to the condition of affairs there, and mentioning the report that the Kaffirs were then in Plettenberg's Bay and that he had written to the Governor to urge that a commando be sent from Stellenbosch. 19th October 1802.

Report of Fieldcornet Van Rooyen to Landdrost Faure concerning depredations and murders committed by Kaffirs in the Long Kloof. 19th October 1802.

Letter from Secretary Barnard to Commandant P Botha, concerning a supply of ammunition, expressing the Governor's concern at the unhappy condition of affairs following the unfortunate death of Commandant Van der Walt, stating that the Stellenbosch commando had been ordered to proceed to Swellendam, and that it was His Excellency's intention to assemble again a strong general commando to repel the savages. 21st October 1802.

Letter from Secretary Barnard to Commandant Van Rooyen concerning the reassembling of an efficient commando without delay. 13th November 1802.

Letter from Fieldcornet Van Niekerk to Commandant Van Rooyen, reporting the movements of the party under his command. 28th December 1802.

BOOKS OF OATHS.

There are two volumes bound with brown leather backs and marked in ink "Book of Oaths," containing the signatures of those persons at the Cape who took the oath of allegiance to King George the Third.

APPLICATIONS FOR GROUND. 1795-1802.

This volume contains about two hundred applications for farms and small pieces of ground, and a few petitions concerning disputes in connection with Landed Property. Many of the documents have notes written upon them by the different Governors. They illustrate the Land Laws and Customs of the period, and some of them contain other items of information not altogether uninteresting.

In addition to these, there must have been numerous applications for Land during this period.

APPLICATIONS FOR EMANCIPATION OF SLAVES. 1795-1803.

There are in this volume two hundred and sixty-three applications to the different Governors for permission to emancipate slaves. Some slaves were emancipated by will, others by their owners for faithful services, others again by relatives or friends already free purchasing them expressly for manumission. It was necessary in each case to pay the sum of Fifty Rixdollars to the funds in charge of the Deacons of the Reformed Church, and to give security that the liberated individual should not become burdensome as a pauper for a term of twenty or in some cases twenty-five years. Most of these applications bear the Governors' *Fiat.*

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS 1795—1803.

Various documents which were mixed together in great confusion, or were concealed among others of no value

whatever, have been arranged according to their contents, —each class being kept by itself,—and have been bound and labelled as above. Vol. I. contains : —

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO THE IMPORTATION OF SLAVES

Petition of the Burgher Senate to General Craig to allow the sale of 370 slaves from a Portuguese ship. 3rd December 1796.

Petition of the Burgher Senate to Lord Macartney to permit the sale of 220 slaves from an American ship from Mozambique. 29th November 1797.

Petition of 85 Inhabitants of the Colony to the Burgher Senate to request Lord Macartney to permit the sale of a cargo of slaves expected in a Portuguese ship from Mozambique, with the Senate's petition to Lord Macartney in support of the request. 30th January 1798.

Letter from Mr Martin to Lord Macartney, asking pemission to land some slaves expected from Mozambique. 3rd April 1798. Refused.

Request of a resident in Cape Town to be informed whether in the event of his purchasing a vessel he will be permitted to send her to Mozambique for slaves. 18th April 1798. Endorsed by Lord Macartney : No trade with Mozambique.

Request of two residents in Cape Town to be permitted to send a vessel to Mozambique for a cargo of slaves. 21st April 1798. Endorsed by Lord Macartney : This can't be granted.

Request of a resident in Cape Town for permission to land a slave boy from Ceylon. 6th May 1798. No endorsement.

Letter from two merchants of Cape Town to the Deputy Colonial Secretary, regretting that it seems impracticable to carry out Lord Macartney's proposal of importing slaves from the West Coast of Africa. 25th May 1798.

Letter from two English merchants of Cape Town to the Deputy Colonial Secretary, agreeing to attempt to carry out Lord Macartney's proposal for supplying the Colony with four hundred slaves (from the West

Coast), though they "regret the communication with Mozambique and Madagascar being prohibited, from which alone some solid advantages may be expected in that very necessary article of commerce." 30th May 1798.

Request of a sea captain for permission to sell a slave that belonged to the late master of an English vessel, for the benefit of his widow. 18th September 1798.

Petition of the Burgher Senate to General Dundas to permit the importation of one thousand slaves annually. 25th February 1799.

Letter from two English merchants of Cape Town thanking the Governor for his permission to import and sell a cargo of slaves from Mozambique, which slaves to the number of four hundred and twenty are in quarantine, but will be landed on the 10th instant. They state that as Lord Macartney was extremely desirous that a trial should be made to import slaves from the West Coast, one of them had sent for that purpose a small schooner with some articles of Colonial produce for barter. 5th March 1799.

Petition of a merchant of Cape Town, referring to the great scarcity of slaves as evidenced by the enormous price recently paid for some imported by other merchants, and asking permission to have two hundred brought from Rio de Janeiro. Endorsed by General Dundas: No new permission can be granted for the importation of slaves until instructions upon that subject are received from England. 2nd April 1799.

Manuel Saldanha, captain of a ship which has brought a cargo of slaves for an English firm in Cape Town, requests leave to sell two of his own servants. Endorsed by General Dundas: The two slaves may be sold as part of the cargo of the ship for which permission has already been granted. 3rd April 1799.

Michael Hogan, merchant of Cape Town, states that in conformity with Lord Macartney's plan for supplying this Colony with slaves from the west coast of Africa, he fitted out a vessel which has now arrived with 39 boys and 8 girls. He asks permission to land and sell them. 13th June 1799.

Mr Hogan asks permission to land a little slave boy

that the captain of His Majesty's ship *Oiseau* has brought from Madagascar as a present for his little son. 1st August 1799.

An officer of His Majesty's ship *Oiseau* asks the Governor's permission to land a slave boy that he has brought from Madagascar as a present for the lady with whom he lodged. 13th August 1799.

Application from the Marshal of the Vice Admiralty Court to the Governor for permission to sell four slaves who saved themselves from the wreck of His Majesty's ship *Sceptre*. 29th November 1799. Granted.

Application to land forty-eight slaves taken by an English privateer in a prize. 5th December 1799.

A resident of Cape Town petitions for leave to land a little Javanese slave boy presented to him by an officer of a Swedish ship. 7th January 1800. Granted.

Letter from Mr Hogan to the Governor concerning a complaint of the Fiscal that he had himself run up to extortionate prices a cargo of slaves committed to him for sale, giving the average prices of nine cargoes sold by public auction since April 1798, and showing that the complaint was unfounded. 27th March 1800.

Petition of a colonist to be permitted to send a small vessel to the eastward for a few slaves. 28th June 1800.

Letter from Mr Maude requesting permission to land a slave brought for him from Madagascar by the captain of His Majesty's ship *Star*. 26th July 1800. Granted.

Petition of a firm in Cape Town for permission to send a vessel to Mozambique for two or three hundred slaves. 4th December 1800. Not granted.

Letter from an English merchant in Cape Town to the Governor, asking permission to land one hundred and sixty slaves, being a portion of the number which His Excellency has been good enough to allow him to import from Mozambique. 23rd December 1800.

Petition of an English firm in Cape Town to be allowed to import slaves from Mozambique. 26th December 1800. Approved by Sir George Yonge, but license afterwards cancelled by General Dundas, who expressed his intention not to allow the importation of more slaves.

Petition of a resident in Cape Town for permission to exchange one of his slaves for two Mozambique negroes on board an American ship in the Bay. 8th January 1801. Granted.

The master of an American slaver from Quilimane petitions for leave to sell twenty slaves to defray his expenses in port. 12th January 1801. Not granted.

Petition of a resident in Cape Town for permission to exchange one of his slaves for three Mozambique negroes on board an American ship in the bay. 13th January 1801. Granted.

Petition of a resident in Cape Town for permission to land a slave presented to him by the captain of a Portuguese ship. 26th January 1801. Granted

Request of a widow in Cape Town to be allowed to import thirteen slaves from the coast of Coromandel. 30th March 1801. Granted.

Petition of a Danish sea captain for permission to sell four East Indian slave boys. 21st September 1801. Granted.

Request of the owner, officers, and crew of an English ship to be allowed to land and sell thirty-five slaves captured in a French ship bound from Mozambique to Mauritius. 9th November 1801. Granted.

Request of a resident in Cape Town to be allowed to land a slave presented by the captain of an American ship from Mozambique. 5th January 1802. Granted.

Request of a resident in Cape Town to be allowed to land six slaves from an American vessel from the Mauritius. 9th January 1802. Granted.

Request of a resident in Cape Town to be allowed to land two slaves from an English ship from Rio de Janeiro. 21st January 1802. Granted.

Messrs Walker and Robertson refer to Sir George Yonge's grant to them of leave to import six hundred slaves, and request General Dundas to confirm that license. Endorsed by General Dundas : The Lieutenant Governor cannot on any account comply with the prayer contained in this memorial, not thinking it proper to allow any importation of slaves at present. 23rd January 1802.

The captain of a Portuguese ship from Mozambique

requests permission to sell six slaves. 27th February 1802. Granted.

Captain Venables, of the *Pegasus*, requests permission to sell a slave boy to defray his expenses here. Endorsed by General Dundas : The slave boy may be landed and sold upon paying the usual import duties. (Ten rixdollars for each slave landed). 17th March 1802.

Request of the captain of a Portuguese ship from Mozambique to be allowed to sell twelve slaves. 1st April 1802. Not granted.

Request of two mates of an English vessel to be allowed to land and sell three slaves that they have brought from Mozambique as a venture of their own. 5th April 1802. Granted.

Request of the captain of a Portuguese ship from Mozambique to be allowed to land and sell forty slaves. 7th April 1802. Granted.

Request of a resident in Cape Town to be allowed to land six slaves from a Portuguese ship from Mozambique. 9th April 1802. Granted

Request of a resident of Cape Town to be allowed to land a slave sent as a present by the Governor of Mozambique. 19th April 1802. Granted.

Request of a resident of Cape Town to be allowed to import thirty-four slaves from Mozambique. 4th June 1802. Not granted.

Request of the owner of a French ship to be allowed to land and sell a cargo of slaves. 5th October 1802. Not granted.

Request of a passenger in a Danish ship to be allowed to land two slaves. 22nd October 1802. Granted.

Request of a merchant in Cape Town for leave to transship a cargo of slaves destined for the West Indies, without paying customs dues. 30th December 1802. Permission granted.

Application from the captain of a French ship for leave to land and sell eleven slaves. 5th January 1803. Granted.

Application from the captain of a Dutch ship for leave to land and sell eight slaves. 10th January 1803.

Request of an English firm in Cape Town to be allowed to land and sell twenty-six slaves consigned to them from Mozambique. 2nd February 1803. Not granted.

Nineteen documents concerning the engagement by Mr Dundas, Secretary of State, of Mr William Duckitt and a party of mechanics and agricultural labourers to establish a large model government farm in the Cape Colony, and concerning the establishment subsequent to its formation at Klapmuts. 1799-1802.

Eight applications from various persons for a continuation of pensions received under the old government. (The widows of clergymen of the established church have their pensions of 14 rixdollars and four stivers a month continued.)

Thirteen applications for Letters of Marque for vessels owned in Cape Town. One or two are not endorsed at all, the remainder are approved of.

Eight petitions to the Governors for dispensations of the usual marriage regulations. Generally granted.

Seven documents connected with the establishment of a Government Printing Press in the Colony.

Sixty-three applications from persons wishing to become residents in the Colony. They generally enter into particulars as to past events in personal history and show how it is intended to gain a livelihood. Some are refused, others granted, others again permitted till further orders.

Twenty-six applications from various persons for permission to leave the Colony. Some of these are from persons wishing to send their children abroad to be educated, others from persons desirous to visit foreign countries for business purposes. One is from Robert Semple, a merchant of Cape Town, and Author of "Walks and Sketches at the Cape of Good Hope." Most of these documents have endorsements upon them. No one could leave the Colony and return to it from Europe without special permission from the Secretary of State.

Seven letters from various English residents of Cape Town concerning a demand made upon them by the Burgher Senate for contributions towards the repair of the streets.

Fifteen petitions from various individuals who held situations under the government of the Dutch East India Company, requesting to be allowed to retain their offices.

Sixteen applications for employment from various individuals.

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DOCUMENTS HAVING REFERENCE TO CHURCH MATTERS, MISSIONARIES, AND MISSION STATIONS.

Appointment by General Craig of Mr Rhenius to be Ecclesiastical Commissary. 30th October 1795.

Memorial of the Rev Mr Kolver for certain privileges to be granted to the Lutherans. (No date).

Eleven papers concerning the Hottentots at Baviaan's Kloof (now Genadendal), containing complaints of their cattle trespassing on adjoining farms, Commissioner

Sluysken's instructions regarding these people, and a letter from the Landdrost of Stellenbosch and Drakenstein to the Governor. 1796.

Application from the Missionaries at Baviaan's Kloof for permission to make use of a bell to ring for service. 25th February 1798. Endorsed by Lord Macartney: There is no objection to their ringing for their Hottentot Disciples, but a letter should be written to the Landdrost to inform him of the permission.

Application of the missionaries at Baviaan's Kloof for leave to build a new church, the old one not being large enough to hold more than 300 people, and to cut for that purpose 24 loads of timber in the government forest. Lord Macartney's endorsement to the effect that he has no objection.

Letter of the Directors of the London Missionary Society to Lord Macartney, recommending to his protection the four agents whom they are sending out. 4th October 1798.

Letter from the Churchwardens of the Lutheran congregation to General Dundas, concerning the temporary appointment of a clergyman. 3rd January 1799.

Letter from the Churchwardens of Stellenbosch to General Dundas, concerning various church matters. (No date).

Petition of the Moravian missionaries on the subject of trespasses at Baviaan's Kloof. With note of the Governor. 12th January 1799.

Memorandum of articles needed by the missionary Schwinn for his projected visit to the bushmen. 14th January 1799.

Letter from the Churchwardens of Drakenstein to General Frazer, asking permission to set on foot a subscription in their parish to build a new church. 1st December 1799. Draft of reply assenting cordially to the request.

Letter from the Lutheran Churchwardens to Sir George Yonge, concerning two clergymen being on the point of leaving Europe whereas only one could be maintained by them. 19th April 1800.

Letter from Mr Secretary Dundas to Sir George Yonge, recommending to him the Rev Mr Hesse, who is leaving Europe. 29th April 1800.

Petition of Mrs Gildenhuis to Sir George Yonge concerning the Hottentots at Baviaan's Kloof. 28th July 1800.

Pass-port of Mr Secretary Dundas to three Dutch missionaries to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope. 31st October 1800. With note of the Governor. 15th May 1801.

Letter from officers of the London Missionary Society to Sir George Yonge, recommending to him the three missionaries whom they are sending out. 3rd November 1800.

Letter from the Lutheran Churchwardens to Sir George Yonge, requesting a monthly allowance of wheat for their clergyman. 3rd November 1800.

Petition of the South African Missionary Society for permission to receive donations and build a church for the use of slaves. With note by General Dundas. 27th July 1801.

The Church Council of Stellenbosch present a list of three names to the Governor, that he may approve of the first as elder and select one of the two last as a deacon. 29th November 1801.

The Church Council of Zwartland present a similar list for the same purpose. 29th November 1801.

The Lutheran Church Council of Cape Town present a list of five names to the Governor, that he may approve of the first as elder and select two of the four last as deacons. 1st December 1801.

The Consistory of Stellenbosch complain to General Dundas of the Missionary Bastiaan Tromp. 6th December 1801.

The Directors of the South African Society at Waggonmaker's Valley petition the Governor to allow the missionary Bastiaan Tromp to remain there to instruct the heathen. 29th December 1801. The Governor refers the petition to the Rev Mr Serrurier.

The Consistory of Zwartland forward their parish accounts to General Dundas. 3rd January 1802.

Letter of the Churchwardens of Graaff Reinet to the Churchwardens of Cape Town, concerning the want of a clergyman, the desecration of the church building which has been turned into a barrack as the parsonage has been into a mess house, and complaining of Dr Van der Kemp. Letter of the Churchwardens of Cape Town to General Dundas covering the above. 10th March 1802. Draft of General Dundas's reply, expressing strong sympathy with the Churchwardens, and regretting the necessity of using the church as a barrack.

Letter of the Churchwardens of Roodezand to General Dundas requesting that the Rev Mr Kicherer may be appointed successor to their late clergyman, the Rev Mr Vos. 26th April 1802. Draft of General Dundas's reply.

The Missionary William Read petitions the Governor for leave to preach in Cape Town to the English inhabitants twice a week. 14th June 1802. The Governor refers the petition to the ministers of the Established Church.

DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE LOAN BANK AND PAPER MONEY.

Report to General Craig of the condition of a quantity of paper money which is so decayed as to require to be destroyed and fresh tickets stamped to the same amount. 11th April 1796.

Report upon some damaged paper money which is to be destroyed. 21st September 1797.

Long report upon the Loan Bank. 31st October 1797.

REVENUE.

Revenue returns from 1st October 1795 to 31st December 1797.

Quarterly returns, signed by the Auditor General John Barrow, from 1st October 1798 to 30th September 1800.

Detailed returns of Port Fees received and of ships that sailed from Table Bay from 1st January to 30th September 1799 and for the years 1801 and 1802.

Three letters regarding some special transactions in connection with public accounts.

Eleven documents having reference to the brewing of beer. Among them are petitions from 22 wine farmers of Drakenstein and 6 wine farmers of Rondebosch that no more breweries be permitted. There was an effort made to establish free trade in brewing, but eventually a monopoly of the privilege to brew and sell Cape beer was granted to the highest bidder at public auction.

Five documents referring to the refusal of Francois and Tielman Roos and Tielman and Jacobus Petrus Roux, four young men of Stellenbosch, to take the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty. They were ordered to leave the Colony, but upon expressing contrition and offering to take the oath they were pardoned by Lord Macartney.

Nineteen applications for remission of transfer dues on purchases and inheritances of landed property. Mostly endorsed. Remission was always granted in the case of inheritance by children from parents, generally but not always refused in other cases. A request of the Free Masons for remission of transfer dues on property recently purchased by them was refused.

Fifty documents illustrating the condition under which the Import and Export Trade of the Colony was carried on. These papers include some memorials on the subject of trade to Mossel Bay, Plettenberg's Bay, and Algoa Bay; a Memorandum of the Collector of Customs concerning importations in American vessels (21st January

1800); an Affirmation by the Privy Council of the Decision of the Cape Court of Justice in a case concerning an American ship (30th December 1800); a Copy of the Order in Council concerning importations into the Cape Colony (11th February 1801); Letters from India respecting the Eastern trade; a Memorial concerning the exportation of wheat to England: Applications for permission to land goods from neutral vessels; and other similar papers. Many of them have notes by the different Governors written upon them.

Report of Lieutenant Rice, of His Majesty's ship *Trusty*, upon Plettenberg's Bay, Algoa Bay, and Mossel Bay.

Reports of Mr Callender upon the Knysna Harbour and Forests, and upon Plettenberg's Bay and the different kinds of useful timber found in its neighbourhood.

Copies of the oaths of allegiance to King George the Third, and original signatures to them of the officers of the old government who retained their posts. (Undated).

Messrs Fehrsen & Co petition that two men employed in their whale fishery may have protection against impressment. Refused. 18th September 1795.

Fifteen individuals petition that some products of the Colony which they sent to Europe some time before in two ships may be secured against capture under the terms of the capitulation. Endorsed: Cannot be included under the safety of the capitulation. 22nd September 1795.

Letter of Messrs Van Reenen concerning their contract for the supply of meat and their exclusive privileges. 25th September 1795.

Memorial of the Members of the Court of Justice, who feel bound by their oath to the States General of the United Netherlands, and who make therefore certain proposals as to the style of address in the Court. 26th September 1795.

Letter of Messrs Wiid and De Kock to General Craig, concerning their lease of the Company's garden and their exclusive privileges. 30th September 1795.

Mr H Cloete wishes to purchase the coopers' materials in the public magazines to enable him to supply the English nation with Constantia wine. 1st October 1795.

Letter of C Lock, overseer of the Government farm Klapmuts, concerning the hay grown there. 2nd October 1795.

Memorial of the Members of the Court of Justice, on the subject of the oath of allegiance to the King of England. 3rd October 1795.

Memorial of Messrs Rhenius, Brand, and Baumgardt, respecting the salaries of subordinates in their office, and suggesting that a tithe of wine should be levied instead of the oppressive duties. 14th October 1795.

Memorial of the Members of the Court of Justice, concerning their salaries and duties. 16th October 1795.

Letter of Mr Van den Berg, concerning his contract with the old government for the supply of wine, and referring to certain warehouses. 19th October 1795.

Report of Mr Theunissen to General Craig concerning the Hot Bath. 1st November 1795.

Letter of A de Haan to General Craig, concerning his contract for the Government Salt Pans. 9th November 1795.

Letter from Rev H Manger to General Craig, concerning the condition of affairs at Graaff Reinet and his leaving that district. 11th November 1795

Memorial of the Board of Revenue concerning public lands and licenses. 30th November 1795.

Conditions on which the license to sell foreign Beer and Wines is to be farmed out for the year 1796.

Letter of Louis A Pisany to General Craig, requesting a personal interview. 22nd December 1795.

Letter from the same to the same, asking to be permitted to settle his affairs before being exiled from the Colony. 26th December 1795.

Memorandum of Mr Kirsten upon the ground at Groene Kloof. Undated.

Letter of P J Dutoit, Lieutenant of the Stellenbosch Burghers, to General Craig, requesting on behalf of many inhabitants of Stellenbosch and Drakenstein that His Excellency will reduce the land rent, fix prices for their products, cause such articles as they need to be imported at reduced rates, and reduce the interest paid to the Lombard Bank for money borrowed. Undated.

Memorandum of Mr W F van Reede van Oudtshoorn, referring to the property belonging to him in the public magazines and other personal matters. Undated.

Petition of Mrs J M Horak, concerning money claimed by her as having been overpaid into the Treasury. Undated.

Julius Cæsar, a native of St Helena, gives details of his past life and claims his freedom from slavery. Endorsed: Cannot produce sufficient proofs.

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Mr J Elser applies to purchase beams and planks for building a house out of the public magazines. With a note by General Craig, refusing the request and giving his views as to the effects of free trade. 5th January 1796.

Letter from the Court of Justice to General Craig, concerning the execution of judgments in cases under appeal. 5th January 1796.

Letter from the same to the same, on the subject of the manner of inflicting capital punishment upon slaves. 14th January 1796.

Petition of Jacob Malan for a loan of money to enable him to improve the accommodation for visitors to the hot baths beyond Hottentots Holland mountains. 15th January 1796.

Petition of the Widow Sanderus for leave to send round a subscription list to replace her severe loss by a fire. 16th January 1796.

Letter from Messrs Heugh and Heuser to General Craig, concerning a fine incurred by them through a deserter being found on board their vessel. 25th January 1796.

Letter from the Court of Justice to General Craig, on the subject of the manner of inflicting capital punishment upon slaves. 2nd February 1796.

Copy of a letter from Mr C Brand to the Right Honourable Secretary Dundas, concerning some articles belonging to him which have been taken possession of by the Naval Storekeeper at Simon's Town. 12th February 1796.

Petition of A de Haan concerning his monopoly of the sale of salt. 13th April 1796.

Letter of Mr J F Kirsten to General Craig, concerning some timber. 28th April 1796.

Letter of Louis A Pisany to his wife, dated in London, 14th May 1796.

Account of Public School Funds. 18th May 1796.

Petition of Messrs J A van Reenen and Gerhardus Munnik to Admiral Elphinstone and General Craig, concerning some property of theirs taken by the crews of the Dutch squadron in Saldanha Bay and by the English Detachments posted there With list of articles and notes by English officials. 3rd September 1796.

Conditions on which the Salt Pans are farmed out for the year ending 30th September 1797.

Memorial of H Gildenhuis concerning his property at Saldanha Bay and the destruction of his house there. With note by General Craig. 27th October 1795.

Memorial of Mr Meeding, Postholder at Plettenberg's Bay, concerning articles annually supplied. 2nd Novemb r 1796.

Memorial of 35 farmers of Tigerberg and Koeberg, concerning a supply of barley to the government, praying to be relieved from having the price fixed, and offering it at 20 skillings a muid. 17th December 1796.

Petition of Mr S van Reenen concerning his detention. With note by General Craig. 18th December 1796.

Petition of 25 farmers that the cargo of an American

ship, being articles needed by them, may be landed. No date.

Letter of an Indian Prince banished to this country, giving pa ticulars of his life and requesting to be released and sent to Mecca. Undated.

The Churchwardens of Cape Town petition General Craig to interdict all persons from burying dead bodies in the churches by torchlight. 2nd January 1797.

Memorial of Mr C H Nichaus, of Paarl, concerning the providing of small detachments of troops with provisions. 31st March 1797. With note by General Craig.

Letter of Mr S van Reenen requesting to be permitted to return to his farm. 10th April 1797.

Petition of six inhabitants of Simon's Town, concerning the mode of collecting a certain tax. 12th June 1797. With note by Lord Macartney.

Letter from Rev H Manger to Lord Macartney, concerning the obstacles in the way of his return to Graaff Reinet. 24th July 1797.

Petition of D de Waal for leave to remove some barley and chaff from a farm to Cape Town. Refused. 6th August 1797.

Letter from the Court of Justice to Lord Macartney, concerning the Court of Appeal recently established. 28th September 1797.

Deposition concerning some occurrences in the country by a deserter who has given himself up. Undated.

Letter of Mr L van der Poel concerning a seat in the Drakenstein church according to his rank. With note by Lord Macartney. 5th October 1797.

Petition of the four individuals who had the exclusive privilege of selling wine and brandy under the Dutch E I Company for a reduction of the amount due by them to government for that privilege. 2nd December 1797.

The wife of Louis A Pisany petitions the Governor for a divorce, on the ground that her husband has been banished for life, that she has three children unprovided for, and that she wishes to marry again. Endorsed by Lord Macartney: It is not within the Governor's power or

authority to dissolve marriages. If it were he imagines he would have very little leisure to do anything else. Undated.

Nineteen farmers of the Roggeveld petition the Governor concerning the price fixed by proclamation at which they must sell their cattle, and to be allowed the free use of the Karroo. Undated.

Seventeen farmers of the District behind Kogman's Kloof petition Lord Macartney to be allowed to sell their produce in the Roggeveld, to order the Hottentots in their district not to live in kraals but to hire themselves to the inhabitants, to permit them to put iron rings on the legs of Hottentots who desert from service or commit thefts, and to order the Hottentots to remain continually in service. Undated.

Petition of three inhabitants of Simon's Town to be allowed to convey such wines as they need from the country to the town at any time. Endorsement by Lord Macartney, ordering wine to be taken to Simon's Town from Cape Town only. 18th January 1798.

Petition of Mr J C Reinhard concerning his property which was seized in an American vessel. 30th January 1798.

Petition of the licensed bakers of Cape Town concerning the price of bread. 16th February 1798.

Petition of Pitter that he and his family may have the Governor's permission to be baptized by the English chaplain. 26th February 1798.

Candaza petitions for permission to be baptized by the English chaplain. 1st March 1798.

Mr J P Kirsten requests that another surgeon be appointed in Mr Endres' stead to visit ships in Simon's Bay, so as to prevent certain monopolies. 28th April 1798.

Two heemraden of Stellenbosch petition the Governor concerning a recent proclamation containing regulations for waggons. 8th May 1798.

Letter from Lord Macartney to Mr Farquhar, Prize Agent, concerning Mr Brand's private property which was taken possession of in a public warehouse. 22nd May 1798.

Mr F Meyer petitions the Governor for leave to cut twenty loads of timber to enable him to repair the buildings at the Hot Bath. 7th July 1798.

Mr W Kolver petitions to be discharged from the office of Notary. 7th July 1798.

Seven relatives of Peter Delport petition the Governor to pardon him, he having been sentenced to banishment from the Colony for having neglected to take the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty. 11th July 1798.

Jacob Stofbergen petitions for compensation for his property taken by officers of the Dutch fleet in Saldanha Bay and afterwards recaptured by the English fleet and army. — July 1798.

Mr L Henkel, Magister Artium, who has been in the interior pursuing the study of Natural History, sends a petition from "behind the mountains" to the Governor and a letter to Secretary Barnard for a safe conduct to visit Cape Town. Having been in the interior he has not taken the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, but is ready to do so. 26th July 1798.

Mr T J Ferreira petitions to be relieved of a fine unjustly imposed by the landdrost of Graaff Reinet. 1st August 1798.

Letter from Rev Mr Borcherds to Lord Macartney concerning water rights for his vineyard at Stellenbosch. 2nd August 1798.

The widow Du Preez petitions that her son may be released from the office of Veldwachtmeester. With Lord Macartney's notes. 7th August 1798.

Letter of Mr G Russouw concerning an act of violence committed by some of the military. 26th August 1798.

Letter of the Fieldcornet P Louw concerning some articles needed by him in treating with the bushmen. 15th September 1798.

Report of Inspector Somerville to Lord Macartney upon the wharf in Table Bay. 25th September 1798.

Documents connected with Rev Mr Borcherds' claims to water for his vineyard. 2nd October 1798.

Petition of Mr A T Cruywagen to be released from the office of Churchwarden. 4th November 1798.

The agent of a Hamburg ship requests permission to send her to Saldanha Bay to be hove down for repairs. Note of Lord Macartney, refusing on the ground that Cape Town and Simon's Town are the only regular ports of the Colony. 6th November 1798.

Petition of 51 farmers of Hantam and Bokkeveld to General Dundas, to be allowed to sell their cattle at the highest price they can get in the market. 7th November 1798. With note by General Dundas.

Memorial of 26 farmers of Bokkeveld to Lord Macartney, promising to sell their cattle at the price fixed by proclamation, but stating that they cannot give the required returns of their sheep according to age. They ask redress in some other matters. 14th November 1798. Draft of the governor's reply, expressing his satisfaction, speaking of the reduction in price of articles needed by them, and promising to allow the importation of a cargo of slaves to reduce the high price.

Petition of 19 farmers of Namaqualand to General Dundas, concerning several grievances, and requesting the boundary line of the Colony to be extended so as to include seven more farms. 20th November 1798. With marginal notes by General Dundas.

Request of Jan Labuschanie to Landdrost Bresler for extension of credit for government dues. 26th November 1798.

Petition of 21 farmers of Roggeveld to General Dundas, asking to be allowed to sell their cattle at the best price obtainable, and praying for an extension of the colonial boundary so as to include twelve more farms. 1st December 1798. With marginal notes by General Dundas.

Petition of Mr A J van Breda to be excused from acting as churchwarden. 4th December 1798. With note.

Mr F Hendriksen petitions for permission to establish business as a baker. 29th December 1798.

Report of the Ecclesiastical Council of the debts of three of the district churches. 1st January 1799.

Mr J C Horak petitions for a baker's license. Granted 9th January 1799.

Mr J J Dupreez petitions to be excused from the duties of Veldwachtmeester. 11th January 1799.

Extract from the Fiscal's Journal concerning a case against Johannes Eberhardt for having stated in conversation that "he wished all the English might be blown up." December 1798. He is to be sent out of the settlement.

Johannes Eberhardt prays to be released from confinement for a few days in order to settle his affairs, and offers bail. 12th January 1799. With note by General Dundas.

Mr J P Eksteen petitions for protection against interference with his privilege of selling wine and brandy to the troops in the country. 28th January 1799.

Memorandum of Mr John Barrow upon the Karroo Plains and rent free places there. 29th January 1799.

Letter of Secretary Barnard to General Dundas concerning the Cape Association. The English Residents in Cape Town have tendered their services to the Governor to assist in defending the Colony against the enemies of their most gracious Sovereign, and have been formed into a troop of volunteer cavalry and a company of infantry. 2nd February 1799.

Petition of 113 members of the Lutheran church in Cape Town concerning a clergyman. With note by General Dundas. 4th February 1799.

Petition of T N Rorig to be released from the situation of civil tailor. With note by General Dundas. 14th February 1799.

Petition of Mr J H de Wet to be relieved of the office of wykmeester. Refused. 19th February 1799.

Letter from Mr James Callender to General Dundas, concerning the complaints of some Hottentots against certain farmers of Outeniqualand, and the destruction of the forests by squatters there. 24th February 1799.

Report of Mr Adriansen to General Dundas, concerning the disposition of the dragoons under his command in the country. 24th February 1799.

Report (with annexures) of the Committee of the Cape Association to General Dundas, of the disagreeable necessity they have been under of dismissing Messrs

Barrow, Bu'kely, and Maxwell, on account of having "repeatedly absented themselves from attending their duty." 11th March 1799.

Mr P Marx petitions to be released from payment of a fine of 500 rixdollars imposed upon him for harbouring a deserter. With note by Secretary Ross. 20th March 1799.

Petition of Mr C F Otto concerning an abuse of power by the Landdrost of Stellenbosch. With note by General Dundas. 27th March 1799.

Captain Miles of the ship *Lucas* petitions to be relieved of the payment of a fine of 875 rixdollars for harbouring a slave. He gives particulars of the capture of his ship by natives at Delagoa Bay and of her subsequent recovery. Gives also particulars of hiring the slave believing him to be a free man. Prayer granted.

Mr J Louw prays to be excused from the delivery of twenty muids of barley for which he has been called upon, on the ground that he has already supplied forty muids to the government and has not sufficient left for his own requirements. 15th April 1799.

Mr Dirk Cloete presents a similar request. Endorsed by General Dundas: The 25 muids of grain cannot be dispensed with, but no objection will be made to the quantity being mixed with a proportion of wheat. 20th April 1799.

Memorial of the Concordia Society on the subject of a demand made upon them by the farmer of the sale of foreign wines. With note by Secretary Ross. 24th April 1799.

Petition of three fieldcornets of Stellenbosch to be relieved from payment of certain duties. Not granted. 24th April 1799.

Petition of Mr M L Neethling in which he states that he is a winefarmer and does not grow grain sufficient for his own use. He therefore asks to be excused the delivery of twelve bags of barley demanded of him. With note by General Dundas. 27th April 1799.

Petition of Rev H Manger to be removed from Swellendam to Cape Town. 3rd May 1799.

Mr J J Dupreez petitions to be released from prison, where he has been confined for refusing to accept the appointment of Veldwachtmeester, and offers to take the oath prescribed for that office and to perform the duties. Granted. 5th June 1799.

Mr M S Magnan petitions to be allowed to set up a mill for the extraction of oil from a certain plant which he has discovered, and asks for an exclusive privilege to manufacture such oil for ten years. Granted. 10th June 1799.

The purchaser of the exclusive license for the sale of Cape wine, beer, and brandy, asks for some reduction of the £103,700 to be paid by him for that privilege, on the ground that he has been a loser. With note by Secretary Ross. 11th August 1799.

Memorial of the Fiscal Van Ryneveld upon the scarcity of slaughter cattle, and the remedies which he suggests. 8th September 1799.

Petition of Mr J Disandt concerning an offence committed by a military man, and the Fiscal's declaration that he was unable to do anything in the matter. 23rd September 1799.

Documents in connection with the establishment of a Home for Aged and Destitute Women by the Widow Moller. 25th September 1799.

Mr J A Truter petitions that his father in law Mr H J de Wet may be released from the offices of President of the Burgher Senate and Member of the Council of Justice, on the ground of his ill health. Granted. 20th October 1799.

Mr A Berrange petitions to be released from the office of Burgher Senator, on account of advanced age and bodily infirmities. 31st October 1799.

C F Willmans petitions not to be banished from the Colony without trial. With note of the Fiscal giving the petitioner and his house a bad character. Endorsed: The representer must quit the Colony immediately. 5th January 1800.

The clerks in the Colonial Secretary's office petition for an increase of salary. Not complied with. 16th January 1800.

Memorial of Messrs Pringle and Van Ryneveld to Sir George Yonge, concerning the advisability of keeping 20,000 muids of wheat in store as a reserve against contingencies. 20th January 1800.

Dr Liesching and Mr Ziegler petition for leave to set up an Apothecary's shop, there being only two in the town. Refused. 3rd February 1800.

Mr J Joubert, contractor for the supply of bread to the troops, petitions for a government order that all persons bringing wheat to Cape Town shall deliver it to him at the rate of 40 rixdollars for ten muids until he shall have laid in a stock of four or five thousand muids. With note by Secretary Barnard. 19th February 1800.

Letter from Mr Dundas, Secretary of State, granting leave of absence for one year to Mr Secretary Barnard. 18th March 1800.

Account of the origin and objects of the "European Fraternity for nursing the sick and providing decent burial after death." 20th March 1800.

The surgeon of the slave lodge petitions for an increase of salary. 25th March 1800.

Account of the income and expenditure of the European Fraternity. 26th March 1800.

The ferryman G J Joubert petitions for material to repair the pontoon on the Berg River. 11th April 1800.

Mr J A van Reenen petitions for the exclusive use of two small lakes on the Cape Flats which he wishes to turn into Fish Ponds. 22nd April 1800.

The surgeon at the Hot Bath petitions for permission to lay out a small Botanical Garden there. Refused. 22nd April 1800.

Mr A T Cruywagen petitions for the exclusive privilege of fishing in a small lake on the Cape Flats. 29th April 1800.

The Rev P J van der Spuy petitions to be removed from Zwartland to the Paarl. Undated.

Memorial of the Churchwardens of Stellenbosch to Sir George Yonge concerning the appointment of an additional schoolmaster in that village, there being then 154 pupils in the school and only one teacher. 13th May 1800.

Mr Peter Mosse petitions to be informed of the reason of the governor's order that he should leave the Colony. 16th May 1800.

Letter of the Court of Justice to Sir George Yonge concerning the request of the President, Mr O G de Wet, to be relieved from the duty of sitting as a judge at the trial of the Graaff Reinet prisoners, as having received injuries from some of them he might be suspected of partiality. 21st May 1800.

Letter from the Governor General of India in Council to Sir George Yonge concerning an exchange of plants in Botanical Gardens. 4th June 1800.

Letters concerning the establishment of a Private Theatre in Cape Town. 26th June 1800.

Letter from Mr Mosse to Secretary Barnard, requesting him to procure a suspension of the order for him to leave the Colony. 23rd July 1800.

Letter of the Widow Moller to Sir George Yonge concerning a piece of ground on which to build a Home for Aged and Destitute Women. 20th August 1800.

Letter from Dr W Roxburgh, Superintendent of the Botanic Garden near Calcutta, to Secretary Barnard, concerning plants and seeds forwarded to the Cape. With Notes by Sir George Yonge. 30th August 1800.

Letter (with annexures) from Mr Rhenius to Sir George Yonge, concerning seats in the church according to rank. 12th September 1800.

Letter from the Treasurer of the African Club to Sir George Yonge, concerning exemption from colonial duties. 13th September 1800.

The Governor's reply to the above. 15th September 1800.

The farmer of the Licenses for the sale of Foreign Liquors petitions the Governor with reference to the African Club. Conditions under which he purchased his claim attached. 23rd September 1800.

Letter from Mr Dundas, Secretary of State, to Sir George Yonge, concerning a misunderstanding between the Governor and General Dundas as to the command of the troops. With annexure respecting the powers of each. 26th September 1800.

The Deputy Fiscal petitions the Governor to transfer to another some duties which he has been performing. 18th October 1800.

Mr A Munnik petitions for leave to establish a fishery. Granted on payment of five rixdollars license. 22nd October 1800.

Dr Liesching petitions for leave to establish a Dispensary. Granted. 22nd October 1800.

Letter from Mr P Mosse concerning the order given to him to leave the Colony. 23rd October 1800.

Letter from Mr J B Hoffmann concerning the order of the government that he should leave the Colony. 23rd October 1800.

The contractor for the supply of bread to the army states that he is unable to carry on his contract owing to the scarcity of wheat. 31st October 1800.

Letter of the Committee of the New Theatre concerning ground and privileges for their building on the Boeren Plein. 17th November 1800.

The farmer of the Government Salt Pans petitions to have them for another year at a reduced rate. 19th November 1800.

Letters of the Surveyor Wernich asking permission to survey ground for private individuals. With note by Sir George Yonge. 24th November 1800.

Two members of the Paarl community, on behalf of a number of others, petition that the missionary Kicherer may be appointed clergyman of their church. 5th December 1800.

Letter of Mr C E Ziervogel concerning his salary as Summoner of the Court of Appeal. With note by Secretary Barnard. 13th December 1800.

Letter from Mr Hermans, clerk of the church at Drakenstein, concerning his salary. With note by Secretary Barnard. 15th December 1800.

Forty corn farmers petition to be allowed to dispose of their grain for the best price they can obtain, and represent that it is impossible for them to sell wheat at the price recently fixed by Government, viz, 40 rds the 10 muids, in such a bad season as the present. They refer to the promises of Generals Craig and Dundas, and

compare their condition with that of other inhabitants. 30th December 1800.

C Haas petitions the Governor for permission to purchase six loads of corn to enable him to carry on his trade of starch and powder making. 8th January 1801.

Petition of Advocate Peter Mosse not to be banished from the Colony. Gives an account of his life and of services performed. 9th January 1801.

Mr H van Aarde petitions to be exonerated in future from supplying forage on government requisitions. 30th January 1801.

The Burgher Senate propose to the Government that on account of the scarcity of grain the bakers be prohibited from making white bread or biscuit, that no more than three pounds of meal be sold at any time to one person, that the manufacture of hairpowder and starch be prohibited, and that all military men except officers be forbidden to use hairpowder. 6th February 1801.

Memorial of the Corn Board to Sir George Yonge, concerning the scarcity of wheat and suggesting certain orders and regulations. 7th February 1801.

The Lutheran minister and churchwardens request permission to increase the number of schoolmasters. Approved by Sir George Yonge. 10th February 1801.

The overseer of the convicts petitions on account of the high prices of food for an allowance of ten pence instead of eight pence a day for their maintenance. Approved for the present. 23rd March 1801.

Petition of Mr James Callender concerning some timber at Plettenberg's Bay and some personal matters. 15th April 1801.

Letter from Commandant Rensburg to Coenraad Buys, wherever he is to be found. 16th May 1801.

The Rev Mr Vos petitions for an increase of salary. 6th June 1801. Granted.

Letter of the Fiscal concerning the regulation as to the increase of clergymen's salaries. 2nd July 1801.

Letter from Mr J C Frederick concerning his survey of the Elephant River and the coast to St Helena Bay by order of Sir George Yonge. 2nd July 1801.

The Concordia Society petitions the Governor on the subject of the claim of the farmer of foreign wine licenses. With note by General Dundas. 10th August 1801.

Messrs De la Motte and De Roubaix petition for permission to establish an Academy. Referred by General Dundas to the Ministers and Consistory of the Established Church. 26th September 1801.

Mrs Brietz petitions for mitigation of the sentence passed upon her husband for homicide. Refused. 27th October 1801.

Mr P Mosse solicits employment in connection with the suppression of disturbances in the interior. With note by General Dundas. 28th October 1801.

The Free Masons of the Paarl petition concerning the establishment of a lodge there. With note by General Dundas. 3rd November 1801.

The Consistory of Swellendam petition that the Rev Mr Manger may be permitted to remain there until the arrival of the Rev Mr Ballot. Agreed. 7th November 1801.

Letter from the Portuguese Governor of Mozambique to the Governor of the Cape Colony, announcing that he will call at Cape Town on his return to Portugal for the purpose of treating of some matters between the two governments. 8th November 1801.

Memorial of the Rev H W Ballot concerning his removal to Swellendam. 11th December 1801.

Letter of Landdrost Bresler concerning the appointment of Major Sherlock, as Commissioner of Graaff Reinet. 21st December 1801.

Memorial of the Barrack Master, Colonel C W De Lille, to continue in the British service in case of the restoration of the Colony to Holland. With note by General Dundas. 4th January 1802.

Memorial of the Fiscal concerning an increase to his establishment. 5th January 1802.

A schoolmistress petitions to be excused from payment of transfer dues on a house which she has purchased, on the ground of poverty. 23rd January 1802.

The Consistory petition for a plot of ground as a burial place for slaves. Granted. 1st February 1802.

The overseer of the slave lodge petitions for a grant of money in lieu of an increase of salary. 16th February 1802.

Report of Mr Gie to General Dundas, concerning places situated on or about Baviaan's Kloof. 17th February 1802.

The late Governor of Mozambique announces his arrival in Simon's Bay. 17th March 1802.

Memorial of Mr F Maritz, concerning a span of oxen, &c, impressed for the public service. With note by General Dundas. 9th April 1802.

Memorial of Mr G F Werner, concerning his ill treatment by Major Sherlock at Graaff Reinet. With note by General Dundas. 10th April 1802.

Letter of Mr J Barrow, concerning his travelling expenses on various journeys made in the public service. 23rd April 1802.

Petition (with annexure) of Mr Kirsten concerning some expenses incurred on the public account. 7th June 1802.

Memorial of Mr H C D Maynier to have losses and expenses made good to him. With note of General Dundas ordering 5,000 rixdollars to be paid to him. 21st August 1802.

Memorial of Messrs Veyll and Meuter asking for remission of a fine imposed upon them for purchasing cattle at a higher rate than that fixed by proclamation. Undated.

Petition (with annexure) of J Meuter for pardon, he having been pronounced infamous by the Court of Justice and sentenced to be banished from the Colony for having purchased some cattle at a higher price than that fixed by the proclamation of the 2nd October 1798. Dated from the prison of Cape Town, 14th December 1802.

Petition of Mr J Russouw concerning a fishery. 27th December 1802.

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